



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

TO: Indiana Superintendents, Principals, and CTE Directors

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SUBJECT: Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)

More than 25,000 Indiana high school students participate each year in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in order to connect classroom learning with real life applications and develop leadership skills. CTSOs are an integral part of the Career and Technical Education curriculum.

The Indiana Department of Education and Indiana Department of Workforce Development recognize all federally approved CTSOs including Business Professionals of America (BPA), DECA, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), SkillsUSA, HOSA, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), FFA, Indiana Young Farmers Association (IYFA), Technology Student Association (TSA) and others. To see a complete list go to:
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/cte/vso.html>

Unlike after school or extra-curricular activities, Career and Technical Student Organizations are co-curricular meaning they extend the learning that occurs in the classroom with authentic, hands-on experiences and leadership training.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development provides funding through competitive grants to state supported CTSOs while Indiana Department of Education staff serve as liaisons to CTSO leaders, teachers and students.

For more information about Indiana's CTSOs contact Melissa Wafford at the Indiana Department of Workforce Development at mwafford@dwd.in.gov or 317.234.4106 or Melissa Abriani at the Indiana Department of Education mabriani@doe.in.gov or 317.232.9167.